

UNITED STATES RAILROADS PASS TO FEDERAL CONTROL

WILL STAND ON WILSON ANSWER TO POPE'S NOTE

No Intention To Go Further Into Explanations Unless Something Unfavorable Comes From Bolshevik-Teuton Conference

OTHER ALLIED NATIONS SEEM TO TAKE SAME VIEW

Lloyd George Tells Labor Conference No New Statement of Aims Can Be Given Without Conference With Allies

WASHINGTON, December 29.—(Associated Press)—Unless there shall be further and untoward developments which shall require extended reply that may arise from the negotiations that have been in progress and are to be resumed January 4 between the Bolsheviks and the Central Powers, it is not the intention of the United States to elaborate upon or to further expound the statements of the United States war aims and purposes as they were laid down by President Wilson in his reply to the peace proposals of the pope and as he has further set them forth since on various occasions in different messages to the congress of the United States. This is learned from sources that are close to government officials who should know and it is the prevailing belief in diplomatic circles.

The opinion also prevails that the other Allies will follow a similar course and indications of this were not wanting yesterday.

BRITISH COURSE

Premier Lloyd George in a letter which he gave to the National Labor Conference in London appears to have indicated that such course will be pursued by Great Britain while not so declaring in plain words. What he did say was that there could be no new statement of the country's war aims without further conferences with the other Allies.

He added that the presentation of a fresh statement of their joint war aims was being constantly kept in mind by the governments of the Allied Powers.

An emphatic answer and a scornful rejection of Germany's peace suggestions were made in the French chamber of deputies by Foreign Minister Richot. Minister Pichon declared that France will not accept any peace based on pre-war conditions, thus rejecting what is understood to be Germany's basis for negotiations.

He declared also that Germany is endeavoring to involve the Bolsheviks in the war, but that the war will continue, regardless of whether or not Germany and Russia consummate a peace proposal.

The peace delegates who have been at Brest-Litovsk have agreed to take a recess and will not resume negotiations until January 4. The place where the conferences will then be held is not determined.

It is reported that Trotsky is drafting a new note to the Entente powers asking them to participate in the negotiations.

SENATE COMMITTEE WAITS FOR HOOVER

Investigators Fail To Officially Notify Administrator

WASHINGTON, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Owing to the fact that Herbert C. Hoover, the food administrator, had not been officially notified that it was desired that he appear before the special committee of the senate yesterday, that body did not resume consideration of the sugar shortage but devoted its attention to the coal situation.

When the committee assembled it received a letter from Judge Lindsey, chief counsel for the food administration, which said that Hoover had gone to New York on business since the only means of communication with him was by mail. The letter also stated that he would be wanted before the committee when he returned, before the publication of the news papers.

Under these circumstances the committee took up the consideration of coal shortage, and will hear Hoover at a later date.

Valuable Assistance In Management Will Be Given By Former Heads of Great Lines

WASHINGTON, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Steps for the unification of the railroads of the country under government control, and with William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury as controller, went forward with a swing yesterday, the transfer being smoothly made at noon.

Another important development was the requisitioning of the Niagara Falls power plant to furnish electrical power that is needed to meet the demands of manufacturing for war purposes in the zone where the plant is able to furnish requisite power.

Strong Aid Expected

For the purpose of carrying out the plans of unification for the administration announcement was made yesterday of the selection of heads of some of the great railroads who will lend the long experience which they have gained in railroading while the roads were under corporate ownership to the government in its new policy of absolute control.

Those thus far selected and announced were:

Julius Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific; Samuel Rea of the Pennsylvania; Fairfax Harrison, Rock Island; Howard Elliott, Northern Pacific; and Hale Holden of the Burlington.

No Ceremony Attached

At noon the United States government formally took control of the railroads of the country. No ceremony attached to the transfer from private to public operation.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, the director general of the roads now, conferred with Judge R. S. Lovett of the railroad war board, whose members have pledged staunch support to the government in carrying out its policy.

First Order Signed

Order No. 1, Government Railroad Service, was signed by Director General McAdoo today at twelve o'clock. The signing of this order began the government control and administration of every railroad line in the continental United States doing a general transportation business.

Order No. 2 wipes out all competitive conditions and provides for a complete pooling of all railroad traffic equipment and trackage facilities of the railroads. It announces the retention for the present of all present officers and employees of the various lines and will urge these new government employees to maintain their present high standards in order that the war work of the country may proceed and be speeded up.

COAST SHIPYARDS ASK HIGH PRICES

Senate Committee Is Told Pacific Coast Builders Want Contracts But Are High

WASHINGTON, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Pacific Coast shipbuilding concerns are anxious to secure government contracts for the building of merchantmen for the marine and for vessels of the navy but want such contracts only at high prices, was the testimony which Admiral Bowles gave to the senate committee on naval affairs which is investigating the shipping and shipbuilding affairs of the country. The testimony was given in answer to questions as to why Pacific Coast shipyards were not being more largely used for the construction of vessels for the new merchant marine the early completion of which is required in the combating of the Teuton undersea campaign.

Admiral Bowles' testimony told further of the prices being demanded and said that the Western shipyards had increased their demands from \$15 to \$20 a ton for the construction of steel vessels.

ARMY SUPPLIES ARE MOVING BETTER NOW

WASHINGTON, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Secretary of War Baker today addressed a statement to the senate war investigation board, declaring that the situation as regards clothing supplies for the army, and munitions and equipment, shows improvement. He promised an early report.

Major Generals Wright and Greble, commanders of Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma, and Bowie, Texas, testified to the committee.

HAWAIIAN BOARD TO SELL THRIFT STAMPS

It has been worked out whereby the Hawaiian Board of Missions will sell of individuals of the different races living in Hawaii. Rev. B. P. Ward will handle the campaign to be carried on by the board. Schools and churches will also be enlisted in the sale of these and of war savings stamps.

Unnecessary Words

Many words and advertising space are being wasted in the many points of the United States Cough Remedy. The advertisement is being sent to the United States Cough Remedy, which is a cough and cold remedy, and that it contains nothing but narcotics and injurious substances, and is being sold by all dealers. Rev. B. P. Ward, agents for Hawaii, is the president.

Total Prohibition For Soldiers In France Considered

General Pershing Takes Up Proposal With French Authorities and Advises As To Putting On Same Basis As At Home

WASHINGTON, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Prohibition of the use of intoxicants of any description by the United States expeditionary forces is being discussed by General Pershing with French war and health authorities. He reported yesterday in despatches to the war department.

Already General Pershing has issued orders forbidding the use of alcoholic beverages other than light wines and light beers. It is evident that he is now considering the placing of the expeditionary forces upon the same footing, so far as alcoholic beverages are concerned, as the United States soldiers at home.

Supplies of Wheat Show Decrease From One Year Ago

Report From Rome Is of Interest To United States, Allies and Neutrals in Showing Smaller Allowances For Them

WASHINGTON, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Decrease in the wheat available for the use of the Allied and neutral nations is forecast in the wheat crop estimate which has been issued by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome and the figures of which were given in despatches received by the department of agriculture yesterday.

The estimated production of wheat in three and nine-tenths percent smaller than the 1916 crop. This is the world's supply exclusive of the supplies of Russia and the Central Powers, of which separate estimates are given.

Other crop estimates of cereals generally show a larger supply will be available to the Allies and neutrals.

BRAZIL SUSPECTS SUBMARINE BASE

Mysterious German Vessel Landing Cargoes At Different Ports Raises Suspicion

BUENOS AIRES, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Reports of a mysterious vessel, believed to be a German craft engaged in the establishment of or furnishing of supplies to a submarine base are printed in Brazilian papers which have reached here.

In all of the reports printed the vessel is said to be a mysterious vessel has visited various Brazilian ports and unloaded cargoes consisting of heavy cases of goods. Presumably these have been received from a larger vessel somewhere out at sea but at no great distance from the South American coast.

It is assumed that the craft are German and the goods are a part of the equipment of a submarine base established or to be established in South American waters.

Warning of the possibility of this, it is said, has been sent out in order that friendly nations may more carefully guard their shipping in the event of a campaign of ruthless submarine warfare being undertaken in the waters of the South Atlantic.

UNIFORM MATERIALS TO BE COMMANDEERED

CHICAGO, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Army authorities here are today taking an inventory of all army and uniform material in the Chicago district, preparatory to its commandeering by the government. Captain Zimmerman, who is directing the work, estimates that a million dollars' worth will be inventoried. The government has announced that it will pay reasonable prices for the goods commandeered.

PRESIDENT OBSERVES BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, December 28.—(Associated Press)—President Wilson yesterday observed his sixty-first birthday anniversary. There was no ceremony, but numbers of his friends called upon him to congratulate him and extend their best wishes on the occasion.

CONSULATE OF UNITED STATES IS DESTROYED

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Fire which wiped out an entire city block yesterday destroyed the United States consulate here. All papers of the consulate were saved.

Ashford Denounces Trust Company Member As Disloyal

Refuses To Appear At Administration Of Parke Estate Because He Says Individual Connected With It Is Sympathizer With Germany

Circuit Judge C. W. Ashford declared in open court yesterday that because it was widely reported that an individual connected with the Hawaiian Trust Company is a sympathizer with Germany in the war, he was unwilling to appoint the company to act as administrator of an estate, as sought in a petition that had been presented to the court. The announcement brought to an abrupt end a hearing in connection with an estate in question, that left by William C. Parke, amounting to about \$205,000.

Judge Ashford said that he was unwilling to name the individual affected by the report he referred to, but at a hearing in chambers, that he held Attorney R. B. Anderson and B. L. Marx of Fresno, Fresno, Anderson & Marx, representing the company, and B. H. Walker, assistant treasurer and manager of the company, were told the same and as the conclusion of this hearing it was stated that an inquiry is to be conducted.

States Position

"In the present times of stress," Judge Ashford stated in commenting on the matter, "courts should use the greatest care in making appointments and I believe that no person, firm, corporation or trust company should be appointed to a position of power, profit or trust if there is any question whatever of their loyalty or of the loyalty of their connections."

Judge Ashford said that what he had said about the Hawaiian Trust Company was not based on any idle gossip. It was notorious, he declared, that the person in question was flagrantly disloyal. While stating that his criticism was not in any way directed at officers or directors of the company, nor at any of the stockholders whose loyalty to the Nation he in no way questioned, he said it was an individual employed by the company and in this connection he added, "If it were only a janitor, it would be enough for me." He added that the staffs of corporations who had the direction of great trusts should be loyal to the last.

Commenting on the statement Judge Ashford had made in court, Attorney Anderson, who is a director of the Hawaiian Trust Company, said the name of the person whose loyalty is brought into question had been given to him. He said that the person in question is an American, born of American parents. He added that some time ago he had heard vague rumors concerning this person's attitude and beliefs in connection with the war, indicating that the individual might be pro-German.

Tells of Inquiry He had understood, he said, that E. D. Tenney, president of the company, had made an inquiry and had found that the reports were without sound basis. He added, however, that another investigation in connection with the present development would be made.

While the loyalty and patriotism of the institution itself has in no way been attacked, Attorney Anderson took occasion to point out its notable record. Two of the company's employees went into the first officers' training camp with the full approval of the company and later obtained commissions. E. D. Tenney, head of the company, is local chairman of the Red Cross Society, and J. R. Galt, treasurer of the company, is a member of the volunteer reserve corps and holds a commission in it.

The hearing that was interrupted by the statement of the court was on a petition filed by the three daughters of William C. Parke. These are the Misses Jane S. Parke, Annie B. Parke and Mrs. Bernice P. Walbridge. It was stated in the petition that Parke died without will and that they are his heirs. Their petition had asked that the Hawaiian Trust Company be appointed administrator.

The estate consists of leaseholds, buildings, shares of stock, life insurance and cash, all of an approximate value of \$205,000.

United States Attorney Huber said yesterday that he will confer with Brigadier General Vissers, commanding the Hawaiian Department, in the near future regarding the advisability of the army authorities taking charge of and trying by court martial those cases involving soldiers which prior to the war were handled in the civil tribunals, and Mr. Huber is greatly in favor of continuing this practice in all possible instances.

ARMY MAY HANDLE SOLDIER OFFENDERS

Those unwilling to exercise the self-control so necessary to the adjustments of American work are playing the Kaiser's game.

Those petticoated men and pastidious women, who devote their time and energy to spreading, inventing and expanding groundless and reckless gossip, are serving the definite plans of the warriors for autocracy and making the work of the leaders in our fight for orderly intelligent American democracy infinitely more difficult.

The faculty and the student body of the College of Hawaii constitute a body of men and women loyal to the ideals for which our country is giving its best thought and life.

The attempt to smother the whole college force with the charge of disloyalty is not only utterly unjust, but it is helping the Kaiser's game.

What is the basis of the general charge of disloyalty that has been so freely and recklessly passed around? The presence on the faculty of a language teacher of German birth, here at least, of the greatest of them, is entitled under the terms of his employment to remain in the college year after year, until he is talked for publication a year or two ago she had not committed a single

WALDRON DISPLAYS DIGNITY IN ANSWER TO BITTER ATTACK

Former Regent of College of Hawaii Briefly In Reply To Published Assault

STATEMENT IS ISSUED BY CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

Demands Institution For Course Pursued With German Teacher and Is Silent As To Others

Mr. Farrington states in his paper that I was "helping the German cause."

Mr. Farrington need only keep on talking to place himself on the suspicious list.

Publicly and publicly opinion agencies responsible for Miss Heuer's resignation, the college authorities, the removal of Miss Heuer from the college faculty might just as well have been left to the Kaiser to decide rather than to shift the responsibility to Doctor Dehn, knowing that the latter gentleman could see no wrong in the retaining of an alien enemy on the faculty.

FRED L. WALDRON.

Fred L. Waldron answers statements made by Wallace R. Farrington in the foregoing crisp sentences, which were given to The Advertiser last evening. Farrington's statement was made in connection with the acceptance by the board of regents of Miss Heuer's resignation from the College of Hawaii.

Miss Heuer's resignation was accepted yesterday morning at a special meeting. She did not make any claim for salary for the last half of the year. Her contract would not expire until next June. The college authorities will endeavor to obtain a substitute to take over her classes before the beginning of the next term, January 7.

Miss Matthews Still Here

No resignation has been received from Miss Matthews, nor has she made any public announcements since the publication of her letter to Doctor Dehn in answer to the questionnaire. Neither has Doctor Dehn announced what his course of action will be in regard to this teacher.

Farrington's statement The following statement is the one made yesterday by Wallace R. Farrington:

"There has never been any question as to the retirement of Fraulein Heuer from the teaching staff of the College of Hawaii since her response to the questionnaire sent out by the president of the institution.

"The only real problem has been the manner of her withdrawal, whether it should be forced and thus make a German woman the center of a German persecution propaganda or that a resignation should be brought about in the natural order of college administration, thus eliminating a difficult legal problem that might be fought out in the courts for months.

"The only purpose that Mr. Waldron served in resigning from the board of regents was to foster the definite German propaganda of creating dissension among as many groups of Americans as possible. It is a part of the German game to foster suspicion, stir up strife in the ranks of Americans, and so far as possible lead energy to an anti-British sentiment among Americans.

"Mr. Waldron's position has been identical with that of the member of a football team, who, while his fellows were in the midst of a difficult play, quit the squad and walked to the bleachers and harangued the crowd, calling his teammates names and vociferously proclaiming his own superior knowledge of the game.

"In my opinion, Mr. Waldron unfortunately could not do more in the service of the Kaiser if he were a paid agent, than to use his position for the purpose of flogging reckless remarks regarding Americans who stand for team work, careful judgment and cooperation—Americans who are not quitters when they face difficult problems.

"One has only to consider how Germany is playing Russian factions one against the other, in order to be impressed with the necessity for Americans to 'play the game' in all their fields of endeavor behind the lines.

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COMMISSION CLOAK TO HIDE LOOTING

Italians Believe Teutons Intend To Carry Art Works From Country—Cite Instances

WASHINGTON, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Merely a cloak to hide purposeful looting is the characterization which "semi-official" dispatches from Rome give to the creation by Germany of a so-called commission for the protection of works of art in Italy.

These dispatches said, "that it is the purpose of the Germans and Austrians to transfer to Berlin and Budapest all works of art which it is possible to remove. This has already been done in instances."

In corroboration of these assertions the dispatches said that the splendid equestrian statue of Victor Emmanuel had disappeared from Udine soon after the occupation of the city by the Austro-German forces.

Instances are also given where sumptuous villas, in the territory now occupied by the Teutons, owned by noble men of Venice, have been looted and all works of art carried off.

With these evidences of what has already been done the dispatches assert that judgment of the purposes of the commission can readily be formed.

COLD WAVE SWEEPS FROM WEST TO EAST

People Are Little Prepared For Meeting It With Coal Supplies Below the Normal

WASHINGTON, December 28.—(Associated Press)—With the coal supply meager in many parts of the Middle West and in the East another cold wave is sweeping upon them from the North. Over both the Dakotas and Minnesota, the frost king holds tight grip and from all sections of those States temperatures below zero and ranging as low as forty to forty-five degrees below in some instances were reported to the signal service yesterday and last night.

The forecast for the Middle States as far east as Ohio is colder today with a cold wave tonight and it is expected weather which will bring the mercury close to zero will reach the Atlantic seaboard by Sunday.

FRENCH WAR LOAN IS BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Subscriptions Exceed Demands On Only Partial Returns

PARIS, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Over a subscription of the third French war loan of ten billions of francs is announced by the government which congratulates the people of France upon the success of the loan.

Although already over-subscribed full returns of subscriptions have not yet been compiled, the needed amount is pledged by the incomplete returns.

In the figures that have been tabulated no foreign subscriptions have been included.

act that could justify the college in removing her name from the payroll. Furthermore had she been dismissed from service and her salary paid for the period of her employment—which would very naturally be done by a private concern—the man signing the payroll could be held for misappropriation of public funds.

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"I believe in the College of Hawaii, I believe in its faculty, I believe in its students. I believe there is no other college in the country that has a more solidly loyal body of American and ally men, women, young men and young women than is now at work at the College of Hawaii. They may not reach their conclusions by the same route that I do, but if the country needs anyone of them in any capacity, I know that every man and woman, every boy and girl will respond, and each one will do not a bit, but a full-sized American share.

"The success of the United States is based on the efforts of workers and builders of confidence. The gossip mongers and quitters merely impede and delay that success.

"To win this war Americans have got to get together, keep their heads, exercise careful judgment, place confidence in their fellow Americans and fight, fight, fight every inch of the way.

Mentions Only One

"A great many vicious and untruthful statements have been made in connection with the controversy growing out of the presence of one German on the faculty of the college.

WHITE RUSSIA WILL PROCLAIM NEW REPUBLIC; OPPOSE "REDS"

Further Signs of Disintegration of Great Country Because of Opposition To Bolshevik Found In Action

AMERICAN ENGINEERS ARE BACK IN JAPAN

Commissioner Said He Is Not Returning To United States and Will Go To Russia But Has Three Hundred Men With Him

NEW YORK, December 29.—(Associated Press)—White

Russia refuses further association with the Petrograd Bolshevik government and has announced its independence and the establishment of a republic. This was announced in a Petrograd despatch to London which said that the Roda would meet at Minsk and that from there the decree proclaiming independence and the forming of a new nation would be issued.

While the number of White Russians is not large, estimated as about 4,500,000 and they have little wealth, the announcement is important as showing the continued upheaval against Bolshevism and the disintegration of the once vast empire.

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MAY ABANDON SLAVS

Indications that the United States may be preparing to abandon its plans for the rehabilitation of Russia since the Bolsheviks entered upon peace negotiations are to be found in the return to Japan of John Stevens, chief American railway commissioner to Russia with a large number of the men he recently took with him to that country.

He denied that it was his intention to return with them to the United States, that they had been recalled or that he expected that they would be and said they would return to Russia in the near future—to assist in the reorganization of the transportation systems there.

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TOBY ROSENTHAL, ARTIST DIES ON FOREIGN SOIL

AMSTERDAM, December 28.—(Associated Press)—Toby E. Rosenthal, the American artist, died yesterday in Berlin in his seventieth year.

Toby Rosenthal was born in New Haven, Connecticut, and studied drawing under Henri Bacon and painting under Fortunato Arriola in San Francisco, afterward going to the Royal Academy at Munich. He had resided in that city for a number of years past.